

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 10-13, and 20-27 have been allowed. Claims 1, 10, 20, and 23 are independent. By the foregoing Amendment, Applicants seek to amend claim 26 to depend from claim 23 to correct an informality. It is believed that these changes introduce no new matter and their entry is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that all grounds for rejection have been properly traversed or rendered moot and that the application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative if the Examiner believes that an interview might be useful for any reason.

Respectfully submitted,

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